

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 have been amended, leaving claims 1-12 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. Support for the amendment to claims 1, 3, 5, and 10 can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the specification. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks submitted herewith. As will be discussed in detail below, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject in claims 2, 4, and 6-9. Applicant has rewritten those claims in independent form so that claims 2, 4, and 6-9 are now allowable claims.

Claims 1, 5, and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shannon et al. (US 6,542,138) ("Shannon"). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ting (US 6,486,606). "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegual Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the * * * claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Claims 1, 5, and 10-12 include the following limitation: the discharge transistor discharges charges that are accumulated on a node between the organic EL element and the driving transistor if the discharge transistor is turned on. According to Figure 5 of Shannon, the gate of the discharge transistor 40 is connected to the node between an EL element 20 and a drive transistor 22. Thus, Shannon does not disclose that the discharge transistor discharges charges that are accumulated on the node. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to the claims be withdrawn.

In addition, claim 3 includes the following limitation: the discharge transistor discharges charges that are accumulated on a node between the organic EL element and a driving transistor if the discharge transistor is turned on. Ting does not disclose that limitation. In Ting, there is no node between a driving transistor and the organic EL

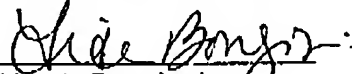
element. Thus, Ting does not disclose that the discharge transistor discharges charges that are accumulated on such a node. Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 3 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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